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President John W. Lederle
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Dear President Lederle:

I have been informed by Secretary McCartney that the Board of Trustees has voted to put the question of WMUA's power increase off to yet another sub-committee. While I consider this action most unfortunate, I do go along with it providing that we can get the committee going right away, as was suggested at the Board meeting by Mr. Lyons.

It would be my hope that such a sub-committee would be composed of people most directly familiar with the problems at hand. Naturally, I would like to be on the committee, along with WMUA's Chief Engineer, Jay Ballard. I might also suggest people such as Dean Field or Robert Brooks, Raymond Lyman, Dan Melley, and Charles Koenen. I might add, too, that Mr. Melley and Mr. Koenen have agreed to sit down with me as soon as I finish my summer courses to see if we can't come up with some definite educational and imaginational programming ideas.

Secretary McCartney has told me he believes a sub-committee could have its report ready within two to three months of its start. I would hope this would be the case so that the report could be presented to the September meeting of the Board... or October's meeting at the very latest. I'm sure you can understand my desire to get moving. All our equipment is ordered under this year's budget, but we can't buy anything until we get complete approval. The equipment will take at least a month or two to install once it gets here, and of course there's the problem of price increases on equipment, some of which have already occured. Finally, there's the problem of the F.C.C.

Unfortunately, I cannot go along with the conclusions Secretary McCartney's office has drawn concerning our concern over a possible frequency freeze. In a telegram from George S. Smith, representing Ed Hackman who is in charge of all United States fm, I am informed:

> NEW RULES AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS BEING DEVELOPED FOR EDUCATIONAL FM STATIONS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE. ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS AND INCREASES IN EXISTING STATIONS MAY BE SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD AFTER THEIR RELEASE. SOME EXISTING STATIONS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO INCREASE FACILITIES AFTER ADOPTION OF NEW RULES. APPLICATIONS NOW BEING RECEIVED ARE PROCESSED UNDER PRESENT RULES.

This telegram I requested as much for my information as for the rest of the Board's. I gave no details to Mr. Hackman; I merely said we were a ten watt station that wanted to increase power. Could anything delay or prevent us from doing so at a later date. Mr. Smith, as you can see, said and confirmed unknowingly everything that Jay and I have been saying all along. A freeze or other action is possible in the near future. Therefore it is imperative that the Trustees determine as quickly as possible whether WMUA is to be allowed to apply for higher power.

Thank you.

cc:McCartney

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